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Dear Recycling Processor:

As part of the annual progress report for the Massachusetts Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Master Plan, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) surveys processors of Massachusetts recyclable materials in order to determine the state's waste reduction rate. The data we collect helps us expand markets for recycled materials, improve waste reduction programs, and more accurately gauge the state's waste management capacity needs. The data will be released to the public in aggregate form only and will not be linked to individual processors.

The Solid Waste Facility Site Assignment Regulations [310 CMR 16.05(3)(c) and 310 CMR 16.05 (3)(d)(6)] state that certain conditionally exempt recycling operations must submit certified reports to DEP annually in order to maintain their exempt status. Returning this completed survey fulfills that requirement. Please note that the submission of this form does not necessarily qualify your facility as conditionally exempt. Only those facilities that meet the conditions of 310 CMR 16.05(3)(c) and 310 CMR 16.05(3)(d)(6) are conditionally exempt.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it by mail or fax by **February 16, 2004** to: Amy Roth, Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter St., 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 Or fax to: (617) 292-5858. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed survey, please contact Amy Roth at (617) 292-5634 (or by email: Amy.Roth@state.ma.us).

Measuring recycling in Massachusetts is an important endeavor. We look forward to receiving the completed form. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Fischer

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